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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**

United States of America,
Plaintiff,
vs.
James B. Panther, Jr.,
Defendant

NO. CR-19-00448-PHX-DLR-2

**EX PARTE MOTION FOR ORDER
AUTHORIZING THE
WITHDRAWAL OF COUNSEL OF
RECORD**

Pursuant to Local Rule 83.3(b)(1) of the United States District Court of Arizona, Dennis K. Burke and Mark S. Kokanovich of Ballard Spahr LLP request to withdraw as counsel of record for Defendant James B. Panther, Jr. (“Defendant”) in the above-captioned action. We have extensively discussed this Motion and our basis for filing with Mr. Panther. Ballard Spahr’s withdrawal will not prejudice Mr. Panther in this matter, nor substantially impede the progress of it. Prior to making this Motion, Ballard Spahr advised Mr. Panther that it would be forced to make a motion to withdraw as counsel. Mr. Panther declined to consent to Ballard Spahr’s withdrawal as counsel.

Mr. Burke is leaving the private practice of law and he has served exclusively as Defendant's counsel since virtually the inception of the representation. The firm is prepared to provide further justification in camera to the Court.

It is hereby requested that Dennis K. Burke, Mark S. Kokanovich and Ballard Spahr LLP be removed from any and all applicable service lists and that the Clerk terminate all delivery of all CM/ECF Notices addressed to the following email addresses in the above-

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5 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 5th day of August, 2022.

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